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Georg Schwarz, consultant on social problems in the Vienna city headquarters of the FOeJ, has resigned his post and has taken a job as secretary in the Lower Austrian FOeJ provincial headquarters. He has been replaced in the Vienna leadership by Otto Ascher. For some time, Schwarz has been on had terms with FOeJ functionaries in Vienna, notably with Herbert Steiner.

Comment: Steiner is the FOeJ Federal Secretary. Ascher is possibly identical with Asschauer.)

- 2. The Vienna Leadership of the FOeJ has roved from the Haus der Jugend in Vienna XV, Felberstrasse 42-46, to Vienna IV, Prinz Eugenstrasse 30. Other sections of the FOeJ have been noved to the Czartoryski Falace, Vienna XVIII, Waehringerstrasse 113. The Haus der Jugend is being abandoned because of FOeJ financial straits and because of conflicting ownership claims to the property.
- 3. During the past six months, the FOeJ has been having difficulty in maintaining its position. Apparently, the young people of Vienna are not attracted to youth movements organized by the various political parties and have been showing more interest in the Trade Union Youth (Gewerkschaftsjugend). The FOeJ members who were planted in the Trade Union Youth as penetration agents have been ousted. For example:
  - a. Burkhart (KPOs and FOs.), member of the Trade Union Youth Executive Committee (Bundesvorstand) and deputy head of the Private Employees Section of the Trade Union Youth, was defeated in the November 1948 elections and forced to drop out completely.
  - b. Borezky (FOeJ), district head of the Lumber and Construction Section of the Trade Union Youth in Vienna XXI, was forced to resign.
  - c. The Communist group in the Private Employees Section of the Trade Union Youth in Vienna I was dissolved, and its leader, Peter Heil, relieved of all functions.
- 4. Because of these and other similar cases, only two FOeJ representatives retain any authority in the Trade Union Youth. They are Vokory, the official FOeJ representative, and one other FOeJ member who is still able to operate under cover. The latter was ordered by his superiors to keep his position in the

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Trade Union Youth, at least until April 1949, even if he should be obliged to join the Socialist Party officially and pose as an enemy of the KPOe.

Comment: The next Soviet chairmanship of the Allied Council will occur in April 1949 and there are numerous hints that strike action might be undertaken at that time.)